

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2017

PSG Present: Jeff White, Laura Forbes, Bruce Adams, Chantal Staerkle, Ashley Pereira, Pamela Lovering, Ingrid Urich, Dawn Thalheimer, Shelley Uzelman

PSG Absent: Theresa Durante

Support Present: Mrs. M. Pedrette, Mrs. L. Fleck

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Opening prayer by Mrs. Pedrette.

3. Lorraine Miller – Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society

Lorraine Miller, previous St. Joseph parent made a presentation about Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society (COBSS)

COBSS has been around 45 years, acts as a conduit to connect kids to funds.

St. Joseph does not currently offer an award for their graduates

Last year \$450,000 was awarded to 535 graduates, St. Joseph does not offer an award through COBSS.

Currently a \$500 bursary is offered to Immaculata Grads from the St. Joseph PSG. The award recipient is decided anonymously by steering committee. (\$500 is low, average is around \$750)

\$500 through PSG Immaculata

Benefit to switching to COBSS: completely impartial and widens base for awards. Criteria is still set by PSG. Students fill out one application to apply for multiple awards. Recipients and awards are publicly announced.

Cons: \$25 cost.

Process to switch:

Contact administrator at COBSS.

4. There were no minutes to approve from our last meeting as it was the PSG Christmas Social.

5. **Acceptance of Submitted Reports**

No Reports

6.1. **President's Report: Jeff White**

No Report

6.2. Vice President's Report: Pam Paulhus

No Report

6.3. Treasurer's Report: Dawn Thalheimer

- General Account @ \$ 19,112.89
- Colts Cafe @ \$ 1,828.49
- Gaming Account @ \$ 17,983.57

6.4. Secretary's Report: Laura Forbes

No Report.

6.5. Council Liaison: Theresa Durante

No Report.

6.6. Fundraising Coordinator's Report: Ashley Pereira

Revenue reports:

Purdy's \$2876.77 – 719.19 profit (up from last year!)

Poinsettias \$4114 – 1567.57 profit (up from last year!)

Art Cards \$3177.40 – 993.19 profit (same as last year)

Christmas Market \$1608.87 profit

 Sold \$1565 by selling vendor tables

 (53 vendors, 8 kids vendors)

Read-a-thon will be held the last two weeks of February, Ashley asked to speak at assembly on Monday, January 30th.

After spring break – plant sale, might do Easter Purdy's fundraiser this year.

Ashley makes a motion to fund \$200 for Read-a-thon. Bruce seconds. All in favour. Motion passed.

6.7. Social Committee:

Position still open.

Shelley spoke about Grade 7 Fundraising:

Valentine's Dance is not happening, Grade 7 Fundraising Committee will be holding a St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 10. Details to come.

6.8. Public Relation's Liaison Report: Bruce Adams

No Report.

6.9. Hospitality Coordinator Report: Ingrid Uhrich

Teacher's Lunch was held in December and a donation made to the Masterpiece Campaign on behalf of the teachers.

PSG Christmas party was a success.

Ready Set Learn coming up.

6.10. Colt's Café Report: Chantal Staerkle

Order numbers are high!

6.10. Volunteer Coordinator Report: Pamela Lovering

Hot lunch - less volunteers this term than last year.
Still need hot lunch volunteers

April – Scrapbooking Crop. Looking at dates.

6.11. Principal Report: Mrs. L. Fleck

Still really busy!
Student enrollment is now at 259 and we have an International student here for 4 weeks.

7. Business Arising from the Reports

No business.

8. New Business

Pam Kemp made a presentation for Divorce Care for Kids, an St. Charles Garnier Parish initiative. Program begins early February, Wednesdays at 4-5:30. More information is available at www.dc4k.org

Jeff read an email from Mrs. Beedlestone:

As part of the ADST program, every grade 6&7 student will be coding with Lego Robotics. Robotics is looking for \$1100 to purchase 10 Robotics kits. Mrs. Fleck agreed that it is an important investment for the school.

Ashley makes a motion to fund \$1100 for Robotics. Bruce seconds motion. All in favour. Motion passed.

Ashely raised the issue of the school parking lot. Is there a new parking lot plan in place? Mrs. Fleck says they are currently developing one.

Shrove Tuesday is February 28th.

COBSS

Discussion around the pros/cons of switching our Bursary to COBSS.

Pros – Impartial committee, one application for students to fill out, PR

Cons – Removing the decision from St. Joseph committee, giving up control

It was decided that the impartiality and PR switching to COBSS could generate outweigh the cons.

Also, discussion around increasing the amount of the Bursary.

Dawn makes a motion to increase the St. Joseph PGS Bursary from \$500 to \$1000. Ingrid seconds. All in favour. Motion passed.

Dawn makes a motion to have the St. Joseph PSG Bursary be administered through the Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society. Ashley seconds. All in favour. Motion passed.

There is currently no one in the Social Committee position which means the Spring Family Fun Night is without a coordinator and may not happen this year. Discussion tabled until next meeting.

9. Next regular meeting date to be Feb 21, 2017.

10. Volunteer for opening prayer for the next meeting: Ingrid.

11. Dawn makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ingrid seconds the motion.

All are in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.